

BROTHER CLOUD TO TEACH COURSE ON ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

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Brother Cloud is scheduled to teach a one-week course on Archaeology and the Bible at Fairhaven Baptist College, December 10-14.

The classes will be each morning from 8:50-10:55. Credit will be given by the college for those who take the class formally and participate in the testing. There is a small fee for lodging, food, and seminar.

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In 40 years of researching the Bible, I have found few things more fascinating than the archaeology of Bible lands. First of all, archaeology provides support for the Bible's historicity. Archaeologist Joseph Free says, "I do not know of any cases where the Bible has been proved wrong," and Meredith Kline adds, "The story of twentieth century Biblical archaeology is the story of the silencing of the clamorous voice of the modern criticism by the voiceless witnesses emerging from ancient eastern mounds."

Archaeology also shines great light on the ancient lands and cultures that provide the background of biblical events. Through archaeology we can gaze on the Tower of Babel, behold the riches and the pharaohs which Moses traded for God's will, walk the streets of Abraham's birthplace, watch the destruction of northern Israel by the brutal Assyrian armies, visit Nebuchadnezzar's New Babylon, visit the palace at Sushan where Esther and Nehemiah lived, walk the streets of ancient Jerusalem, travel with the apostle Paul across the Roman Empire, and much more.

In the upcoming course we will examine Bible places, people, and events such as Babylon, Ur of the Chaldees, the Jewish Patriarchs, Joshua and the Judges, the Philistines, Assyria, Medo-Persia, Tyre, Ezra and Nehemiah, Israel's kings, the prophet Jeremiah, the Caesars, and the book of Acts. We will also look at evidence from the Dead Sea Scrolls for the Bible's divine inspiration and preservation.

The research for the course entailed building a large personal library on the subject plus visiting archaeology sites in Israel, Turkey, Greece, and other parts of Europe, and many important museums, including the British Museum, the Louvre, the Istanbul Archaeology Museum, the Museum of Archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania, the King Tut traveling exhibit, and the Oriental Museum in Chicago.

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